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Rev. John P. Shannon Testimonial Sunday

A testimonial dinner to honor Rev. John P. Shannon, pastor of St. John the Evangelist Church on the observance of his 45th year in the priesthood and the 15th year as pastor of St. John the Evangelist Church, will be held at the Agawam Armory, Maynard Street, on Sunday, January 28 at 6 p.m.

The Master of Ceremonies will be J. Frank Donovan and Rev. Maurice Martin of the Immaculate Conception Church in West Springfield, will be the guest speaker. Rev. Joseph O'Neil is serving as general chairman.

Father Shannon was born in Worcester 70 years ago. He was graduated from Holy Cross College in 1914. After attending the Grand Seminary in Montreal, Canada, he



REV. JOHN P. SHANNON

was ordained a priest in 1917. In his 45 years of service in Springfield Diocese, Father Shannon has been a curate at Our Lady of Hope parish, Springfield; St. Joseph's parish, Auburn; St. Patrick's parish, South Hadley Falls, and St. Thomas' parish, West Springfield. His first parsonage was St. Patrick's parish, Rutland. Father Shannon came to Agawam in December, 1946, to assume the duties of pastor of the newly formed St. John the Evangelist parish. During his fifteen years as pastor, St. John's has grown from a country church with a few hundred parishioners to a burgeoning suburban parish with approximately 1200 families.

General Committees
Serving on the general commit-

Your Dimes Can Do It Again

"Your Dimes Can Do It Again" is the theme for the New March of Dimes drive this year. An effective vaccine against polio was made available by your generosity to the March of Dimes. They can now go forward to find the unanswered facts about birth defects and arthritis.

Birth defects afflict more than 250,000 babies born in the United States each year. One out of every eleven mothers get a heartbreaking answer when they ask, "Is my baby all right?" These people know anguish and the need for help when disability strikes.

The annual Mothers' March

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tees are: Tickets, Francis Capitanio, chairman, Mrs. Gerald Cleary, cochairman; head table invitations, Mrs. Thomas Danford, chairman, Mrs. Chester Miller, cochairman; gift committee, Dominick Maiola, chairman, Jr. Clinton Wright, cochairman; souvenir program, Mr. and Mrs. William Gazello; mailing committee, Mrs. Thomas McGovern, Mrs. Edward Moriarty, Mrs. Alexander Tozko, Mrs. Bernard Tatro, Mrs. Natale Cirillo and Miss Mary Fitzgerald. Mrs. David Gallano heads the decoration committee, assisted by Mrs. Frank Maziarz, cochairman. Donald Ledger is in charge of the musical program.

Presidents of the church organizations will extend greetings to Father Shannon on behalf of their clubs: Mrs. Philip DeForge, St.

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Junior High Operetta 'Tom Sawyer' Feb. 2

Mr. Donald Gagnon of the Agawam Junior High music staff announces that the annual operetta production, "Tom Sawyer," will be given Friday, February 2, 8:00 p.m. at the Junior High School auditorium.

The principals of the operetta are James Foley, who plays Tom Sawyer, Jack Quinn, who acts the part of "Huck" Finn, Marilyn DeMont will play "Becky" and Patricia Salmonsens as Aunt Polly.

Tickets are 50c and may be obtained from members of the cast or at the door.

GEORGE C. LODGE TO VISIT AGAWAM

George C. Lodge, candidate for the Republican nomination for United States Senator from Massachusetts, will be the guest of honor at a reception to be held at the home of the Misses Beatrice and Alice Perry, 617 Main Street, Agawam, at 4 o'clock on Saturday, January



GEORGE C. LODGE

27th.

Other guests will include State Senator and Mrs. Otto Burkhardt and State Representative and Mrs. George Porter.

Mrs. Frank Chriscola and Mrs. Frank Caroleo will pour.

Anyone interested in meeting Mr. Lodge is cordially invited.

Library Boards Elect Officers



PAUL M. BEGLEY

At their annual organizational meeting held recently the Board of Library Trustees unanimously elected Paul M. Begley as chairman and Donald R. Langevin as secretary.

The following committee assignments were made: Mrs. Norma Connolly and Mrs. Lucy Christopher, books; Mrs. Odette Benjamin, gifts; Peter Bissell, buildings and equipment; Donald Langevin and Paul Begley, public relations and personnel.

Responsibility of the various committees was reviewed and the Board also discussed the offer of several organizations to lend their support by publicizing the importance of the passage of Article 7 in the warrant at the annual Town Meeting. This article establishes the position of a professional head librarian over all town libraries.

Slogan Contest For Band Drive

A H S Band To Represent Mass.

All students in the Agawam Senior and Junior High Schools are invited to enter a slogan contest to name the theme of the fund raising to send the High School band to Mason City, Iowa, in June was announced by the Band Parents Group.

Contest Closes January 26

Slogan suggestion boxes will be placed in both schools for entries, the contest closes on Friday, January 26. Judges will be named by Paul Langlois, assistant principal at the High School.

The first meeting of the fund raising committee was held recently at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Moore, Jr. Several fund raising projects were discussed to finance the trip, a cost of \$10,000 minimum, to enable the local band to participate in the Band Marching Festival in June. Mail address of the committee is: Agawam Band Fund, P.O. Box 194, Agawam Post Office.

Several chairmen and subcommittees were formed: Business Solicitation: Mr. and Mrs. James Chandler and Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Jeyons; Publicity, Nicholas Zucco, Vincent R. Caroleo and Mr. and Mrs. Bernard O'Reilly; Home Solicitations: Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Lund, chairman, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Burton, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin

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We're All To Blame For State Corruption

We Send Our Good Talent To Washington; Ablest Men Do Not Want To Ruin Political Careers By Trying To Run The State

By JAMES MacGREGOR BURNS

(Professor of Political Science at Williams College and biographer of President Kennedy.)

Massachusetts' biggest scandal is not that bookie joint in Boston or the waterways affair or the other causes celebre. These are simply outgrowths of a deeper scandal—the fact that after three centuries of existence as a commonwealth we have not yet learned how to govern ourselves effectively. Hence all of us bear some responsibility for the corruption that plagues the Bay State.

Massachusetts ought to be a model for other states. From John

Adams to John Kennedy we have bred and educated some of the ablest statesmen in the nation. Great lawyers like Oliver Wendell Holmes, great educators like A. Lawrence Lowell have enriched the nation's understanding of the processes of self-government. But have we done enough for ourselves?

Perhaps Massachusetts has been too generous. We send our ablest men—two Presidents in this century, as well



JAMES M. BURNS

as legislative leaders of the stamp of the two Lodges, John McCormack, Joe Martin — to the nation's service in Washington, while keeping all too little talent at home.

The blunt fact is that some of our ablest men have not wanted to destroy their political careers by trying to run the state. Some governorships can be the making of a statesman. Other governorships cut a man to pieces. We have the latter type. That is one reason for Massachusetts' most dangerous export—talent.

Another trouble with Massachusetts is that we refuse to learn from our sister states. One of the

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St. David's Youth Epiphany Pageant

On Sunday evening, January 28th at 7:00 p.m. the members of the Youth Fellowship of St. David's Church will present the traditional Epiphany pageant in the church. The Feast of lights is presented by dramatizing the usage of light-variations, the focal point creating the theme that Christ is the Light of the world.

As the pageant begins the church is in total darkness and a narrator begins reading the story of creation when God said: "Let there be Light." Then it is that the sun, moon and starlight appear depicting God's creation. Then it is that the prophets of the Old Testament

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V W W I SPONSORS HAM & BEAN SUPPER

A Ham and Bean Supper will be held at St. David's Hall, corner of Springfield and Cleveland Streets, Feeding Hills, on Saturday, January 27 from 5:30 until 7 p.m., sponsored by the Walter S. Kerr Barracks #392 and Auxiliary.

The menu will consist of many good things to eat besides Ham and Beans, different kinds of salads, hot and cold casserole dishes, dessert, coffee and tea.

All you can eat for 99c.

The public is invited to come and enjoy themselves.

Flavor - Seal By Cory Salesman Receives Bonus

Louis R. Pettit, present Regional Manager of New England for Flavor-Seal by Cory has been named top salesman of the year.

At a company meeting in Chicago last week, Mr. Pettit was awarded a \$1,000 bonus and a three diamond pin.

The regional office of Flavor-Seal by Cory is at 297 Walnut St., Agawam, Mass.

DEE'S BEAUTY SALON NEW HAIR STYLIST



ANN HOPKINS

Miss Ann Hopkins has joined the staff of Dee's Beauty Salon at 481 Springfield St., Agawam.

Ann is a graduate of Doerr Beauty Academy and Charles of the Ritz in New York. She is noted for attractive hair styling and the personal consideration given every customer.

There is no extra charge for hair styling at Dee's.

CHURCH NEWS

Baptist Church

Rev. Benjamin T. Lockhart, Pastor
Rev. Dorothy Pease, Minister of Education
Mrs. Frank Merchant, Organist and Choir Director
Mrs. Barbara Briggs, Church Secretary

Thursday—12 noon, a covered dish luncheon of the United Women's Fellowship will be held in Fellowship House. Following the business meeting and luncheon Mrs. Pauline Woodruff will present a program entitled "Kindling Thoughts". All ladies are invited to attend. 6:30 p.m., the Choralier Choir will rehearse in the church; 7:30 p.m., the Senior Choir will rehearse in Ladies Parlor.

Friday—10 a.m., the Annual Meeting of the United Church Women of Greater Springfield will be held at Trinity Church.

Saturday—3:30 p.m., the Junior Bell Ringers will rehearse at church; 7 p.m., the Young Adult Federation will meet at the church and then go bowling.

Sunday—9 and 11:10 a.m., two morning worship. Youth Sunday will be observed in the church. Senior BYF will present the sermons. Celestial and Melodies Choirs will sing first service. The Choralier Choir will sing second service. 9:30 and 10 a.m., Church School for all; 5:30 p.m., the Junior High BYF will meet at church; 7:30 p.m., Young Adult Federation will have their regular meeting at church.

Monday—6:50 a.m., the Men's Christian Growth Group will meet at church. Charles Rogers will be host; 7:15 p.m., a rehearsal for RAPAHO RHYTHM will be held in Fellowship House.

Tuesday—8:45 a.m., Ladies Christian Growth Group will meet; 7 p.m., Celestial Choir will rehearse at church.

Wednesday—10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m., Trading Post will be open; 3 p.m., Melody Choir will rehearse at church; 6:30 p.m., ABC Bell Ringers will rehearse at church; 7:15 p.m., a rehearsal for Rapaho Rhythm will be held in Fellowship House.

Congregational Church

Rev. Herbert F. Loomis, Interim Minister

Mrs. Andrew G. Torssaint, Minister of Music

Thursday—12 noon, Ladies' Aid Luncheon at Parish House.

Friday—7:30 p.m., Adult Choir Rehearsal; 8 p.m., Square Dance at

Scout Troop 77 Food Sale Sat.

A food sale will be held on Saturday, January 27, starting at 9:30 a.m., at the Agawam Food Mart, Springfield Street, for the benefit of Boy Scout Troop 77.

Cakes, pies, cup cakes, baked beans, salads, fudge and assorted breads are a few of the items which will be sold.

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Sunday—9 a.m., Church School Nursery-Grade 6; 10 a.m., Church School Grades 7-12; 11 a.m., Church School Nursery-Grade 6; 9 and 11 a.m., the Church at Morning Worship. Sermon by the Rev. Herbert F. Loomis, Interim Minister, "Overcoming Our Fears." 6 p.m., Junior Pilgrim Fellowship; 7 p.m., Senior Pilgrim Fellowship; 7 p.m., Young Adult Federation of Agawam meets at Baptist Church. Bowling party.

Tuesday—6:30 p.m., Senior High Choir Rehearsal.

Saturday—7:30 p.m., Parents' Night, Junior P.F.

St. David's Church

Rev. John S. Tyler, Vicar

Thursday—9 a.m., Holy Communion—Conversion of St. Paul; 7 p.m., Boy Scout Troop #79 meeting.

Saturday—10 a.m., Pageant practice at the church.

Sunday—8 a.m., Holy Communion; 10 a.m., Morning Prayer and Sermon; 7 p.m., Epiphany pageant. Monday—7 p.m., Finance committee.

Tuesday—3 p.m., Girl Scout Troop #232.

Wednesday—7:30 p.m., choir practice at the church.

Feeding Hills

Congregational Church

Rev. Frank E. Dunn, Pastor

Friday—7:30 p.m., Bible Study Class meets in the Spear Room.

Saturday—9:30 a.m., Junior choir rehearse at church; 10:30 a.m., Cherub choir rehearse at church.

Sunday—9:30 a.m., First Morning Service. Regular Sunday School classes will meet. 11 a.m., Second Morning Service. Nursery and kindergarten classes will be in session. 5:30 p.m., Junior Pilgrim Fellowship meeting; 7 p.m., Senior Pilgrim Fellowship meeting.

Tuesday—6:30 p.m., Covered Dish supper; 8 p.m., Annual Church meeting.

Wednesday—7 p.m., Senior choir rehearse at church.

Lav Memorial Methodist Church

Rev. Francis J. Ducharme, Pastor

Thursday—3 p.m., Junior choir rehearse; 6:15 p.m., Bowling teams at West Side alleys.

Sunday—9:30 a.m., Church school; 9:30 a.m., Adult Bible Class; 11 a.m., Worship; 6:30 p.m., Senior MYF meeting; 7:30 p.m., Adult Bible class at parsonage.

Monday—3 p.m., Junior MYF meeting.

Tuesday—6:30 p.m., Covered Dish Supper followed by Quarterly Conference.

Wednesday—WCS District Meditation at Chicopee Falls.

Bible Baptist Church

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Rev. Charles P. Benedict, Pastor

Sunday Services: 9:45 a.m. Bible School with classes for all ages. 11:00 a.m., Morning Worship; 7:00 p.m., Evening Service.

Wednesday: 7:30 p.m., Mid-week service for prayer and Bible Study.

Bible Baptist Church is in sympathy with the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches and with the American and International Councils of Christian Churches.

Bible Baptist Church is a Bible-centered, gospel preaching church which endeavors to preach the "whole counsel of God."

Sisters Plan Double Bridal



MISS JOAN E. HARRINGTON

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph F. Harrington of Poinsetta Street, announce the engagement of their daughters, Sheila Mary, to Edmund D. Bowler, son of Mrs. Edmund W. Bowler and the late Mr. Bowler, of Silver Street, Springfield, and Joan Ellen, to Thomas E. Minnich, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence E. Minnich of Pottsville, Pa. A double wedding is planned for Saturday, June 23.

Miss Sheila Harrington is a graduate of Cathedral High School and Mercy Hospital School of Nursing and attended Boston College. She is employed by the City of Springfield Health Department as a public health nurse.

Mr. Bowler is also a graduate of



MISS SHEILA M. HARRINGTON

Cathedral High School and the University of Massachusetts and is a U.S. Navy veteran having served in the Korean conflict. He is a teacher-coach at Monson High School.

Miss Joan Harrington is a graduate of West Springfield High School and Mercy Hospital School of Nursing. She is a member of the nursing staff at the Mercy Maternity Hospital.

Her fiancé was educated in Pottsville schools and served in the U. S. Air Force for four years. He is attending the University of Massachusetts and is majoring in chemistry.

Ice Skating Safety 'Tips'

Ice skating is one of our finest winter sports, yet every winter many lives are lost by ice skating accidents—needless drownings which occur when skaters ignore or forget simple safety precautions.

Ice accidents are preventable. When you play on the ice or go ice skating, personal safety depends largely upon knowledge of two kinds:

1. WHERE TO SKATE.

Welcome Tiny Newcomers



BOYS

December 24—To Mr. and Mrs. Dominick Ricco, 29 Woodcliffe Ave., Agawam.

December 30—To Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Leger, 66 Cooper St., Agawam.

January 1—To Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Phelps, 19 Simpson Cir., Agawam.

January 3—To Mr. and Mrs. Edwin W. Hurd, 12 Randall St., Agawam.

January 11—To Mr. and Mrs. Julian Miodowski, 1235 Suffield St., Agawam.

January 9—To Mr. and Mrs. Edward P. Burke, 612 North St., Feeding Hills.

GIRLS

December 31—To Mr. and Mrs. Arthur L. Bushey, 4 So. Westfield St., Feeding Hills.

January 3—To Mr. and Mrs. Robert Andrus, 16 Liberty St., Agawam.

January 11—To Mr. and Mrs. Mel Alberts, 707 River Rd., Agawam.

FOUR IN AHS BAND TIE FOR TOP TEN SPOT

Agawam High Band merits run very close at first marking period. With many freshmen in the band this year it was expected that some would give the upper classmen keen competition for positions in the top ten in merit standing which is based on attendance at band functions.

The competition was so keen that only two band members other than freshmen were able to gain a spot in the top ten. Points were very close with eight members tied for second highest. Four band members are tied for the top spot. Thirty band members are within three points of the high total.

List of the top ten, (including ties) is:

31 points: Richard Whitman, Sandra Atwater, Lorilee Kistner, Linda Negrucci.

30 points: Robert Brewer, Woody Brown, John Hallock, Judy Moore, Jane O'Reilly, Cheryl Strniste, Robert Swanson, Betty Vickery, Roberta Wilson.

Awards are given at the end of the year for merit rating. Band members are now busy preparing for the concert season and taking musical rating tests in quest of chevrons which denote musical ability. Chevrons and band emblems will be awarded to band members at the band supper which is held in January.

St. David's Youth (Continued From Page 1)

proclaiming the Light of knowledge as they saw it in their time and day. Following the prophets come the Wisemen and the outstanding leaders of the New Testament, who voice the true Light of the world.

During the pageant the choir will sing special anthems and at the close of the service each member of the congregation will be given a lighted candle to take home, this being symbolic of the Christian theme that the Light of Christ's love should go out into all the world. The public is cordially invited to the service.

ladder to him. An automobile SPARE TIRE is ideal. Don't stand up near the edge of a broken ice field, and never attempt a swimming rescue.

10. Always have simple rescue equipment, such as ropes, oars, planks and old ladders available for use in emergency. Blankets are useful too.

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P T A Council To Hold Public Auction Friday

The Agawam Council of Parent Teachers Associations is holding a public auction on Friday, January 26th at 7:30 p.m. at the American Legion Hall on Springfield Street opposite Tasty Freeze. Walter Merryman will be the auctioneer.

All six local P.T.A. units are participating in this project and any donations of bric-a-brac, toys, furniture, appliances, dishes, etc., will be greatly appreciated.

Each school P.T.A. has made its own arrangements for storage or pick-up service. For further information, please contact your unit president or Mrs. Paul Broz, chairman of the auction.

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Rayford Gardens Grand Opening—Jan. 26, 27 and 28



Rayford Gardens, now located at 1140 Springfield St., Feeding Hills, will hold a grand opening this Friday, Saturday and Sunday. There will be a free African violet plant in a 2½" pot for each visitor.

Rayford Gardens was formerly located in West Springfield and is owned and operated by Martin Rayford.

African violets and household plants are specialties of the Gardens.

Valley Players 1962 Season Opens June 18

June 18 was voted the official opening date for the Valley Players' 1962 season according to Carlton Guild, President of the newly-formed Valley Players corporation. Isaac L. Eskenasy was elected treasurer and Jean Guild, clerk at the January meeting during which the new officers presided. Carlton Guild, Isaac Eskenasy and Jacob L. Barowsky were appointed directors.

Signing of a long term lease for the historical old Casino at Mt. Park was one of the first actions

taken.

Mrs. Guild announced that invitations have already been sent to many members of last year's casts and backstage crew for repeat visits to Holyoke this coming summer. New plays and talent are also being lined up for what promises to be a most exciting theater season.

A request has been made by the Valley Players that interested people submit play titles they wish to have considered for the 1962 season. "Our aim," according to the new officers, "is to see that the Valley as an outstanding dramatic important place in the Connecticut Valley as an outstanding dramatic group."

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VWWICard Party Winners

The sixth and final game of the present series of whist parties are run by Walter S. Kerr Barracks No. 396 was held in the New Armory on Maynard St. last Wednesday night. The winners for the evening play were for the Ladies: First, Pearl Hanson; Second, Gertrude Vaughn; Third, Evelyn LaVoice. Mrs. P. J. Seavers was awarded the consolation prize. The scores for the men were: First, George Pyne; Second, Ed. Burton; Third, Louis Franchette. The consolation went to Albert Tryon.

Door Prizes were won by Helen Nicol, Marie Considine, Dot. Webb and Fred Miller. The winners of the mystery prizes were: Evelyn LaVoice, Effie Larrabee and Ben. Botelho. Ace prizes were won by Mrs. C. Rohloff and Sherman Decker.

The winners for the Series were Fred Miller for the men. The high for the women in the series ended in a three way tie shared by Katherine Cleary, Addie Winn and Eleanor Barnes. The prize was divided by the three winners.

The next series will be held in the New Armory the first game to be held Wednesday night, Jan. 24.

Round The Town



By ANN NAEL

Leslie Moore, Jr., of Moore's Express, Agawam, attended the regional sales meeting of Republic Van Lines in Washington, D. C., last week.

Irwin C. Chapman of 111 Adams Street is convalescing at home after undergoing surgery at Springfield Hospital. Mr. Chapman operates Boyer's Garage on School Street.

Mrs. Alfred St. John of South Alhambra Circle is confined to Providence Hospital in Holyoke.

Mr. and Mrs. Julian Miodowski of 1235 Suffield Street announce the birth of a son on January 11. The new arrival has a sister, Ann, and a brother, Warren.

Mr. Jerry Cavanaugh, a former member of the Welfare Board and long time Democrat in Agawam, is convalescing in the Riverdale Nursing Home, Riverdale Street, West Springfield. A few cards from his many friends would be appreciated.

Mrs. John Baumann of North Westfield Street, Feeding Hills, is recuperating at home following a stay in the hospital.

St. Theresa's Guild Card Party January 30

On January 30, a card party will be held in St. Theresa's Parish Hall at 8 p.m., sponsored by St. Theresa's Guild.

Mrs. Gordon Merwin, president of the Guild and Reverend Anthony J. Menard are honorary chairmen with Mrs. Earl Rivers as general chairman.

Door prizes will be under the direction of Mrs. John Coughlin and Mrs. Jack Demarais.

Special prizes will be under the chairmanship of Mrs. Antonio Therrien, assisted by Mrs. Edward Duquette.

Ticket captains are the following: Mrs. Earl Benjamin, Mrs. Raymond Duclos, Mrs. Jack Demarais, Mrs. John Coughlin, Mrs. Emile Demarais, Mrs. Adolphus Provost, Mrs. Antonio Therrien, Miss Charline Goodreau, Mrs. John Marshall.

Chairman of refreshments will be Mrs. Adolphus Provost with Mrs. Earl Benjamin, Mrs. Raymond Duclos and Mrs. Emile Demarais assisting.

The public is invited and tickets will be sold at the door.

Mrs. Robert Rivers and Miss Charline Goodreau are in charge of door sales.

HOME TOWN FLEET NEWS

GREAT LAKES, ILL. (FHTNC)

Ralph H. Strom, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth D. Strom of 728 Suffield St., Agawam, Mass., completed two weeks of Naval Reserve recruit training, Dec. 30, at the Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Ill.

Ordnance, gunnery, damage control, water survival, physical fitness, military drill, naval orientation, sentry duty and first aid were all covered during the training.

The reservists have returned to their home towns to continue their training with their local Naval Reserve units.

GREAT LAKES, ILL. (FHTNC)

Wayne L. Morris, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leo P. Morris of 10 Homestead St., Agawam, Mass., completed recruit training, Dec. 15, at the Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Ill.

A full-dress parade and review before military officials and civilian dignitaries marked the end of the nine-week training program.

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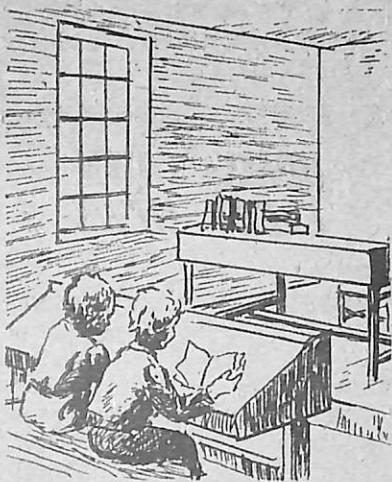
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SCHOOLHOUSE

By EDITH LaFRANCIS

At a meeting May 28, 1849, the committee of District 8 voted to build a school on the old lot south of Captain Charles Leonard's house, where the schoolhouse had been mysteriously burned one morning at 5 a.m.

First they had "to ascertain the soundness of the District's claim to the old lot and also find out if those still holding claims to the old lot will sell the same and what they can be bought for". Roderick Allen was requested to bring forward his deed from the proprietors at the next meeting.

A month later they reconsidered the decision and finally, to end argument, asked the Selectmen to decide on the best site. The selectmen agreed that the old site was best and they assessed the value of shares to be bought to clear the matter of ownership.

The suit with Roderick Allen had evidently been settled although the record book gives no details. At any rate their credit was restored. Roderick Allen built the new schoolhouse. The Committee accepted the plans he brought in, except for the cupola and a few minor changes such as kind of wood for floor joists.

In June, 1849, it was voted that the committee borrow \$350 toward building costs. Voted also to give liberty to the builder "to make use of as many stores that are on the ruins of the old house as are suitable for building the foundation." Voted the building be set back on the lot as far as possible for good looks and convenience.

The school was finished in November. They drew from the town \$500 to pay Mr. Allen and the painter and for building the steps, and \$50 for the shed and for stove and stove pipe.

Profiting from experience, they took several wise precautions. They chose Stephen Bodurtha to get the house insured. They voted that the schoolhouse be closed against everything but common schools and school meetings, and that the Prudential Committee keep the key.

On December first, 1849, the building was formally accepted, and the winter term got under way.

This building was used until 1874, when the site was needed for the new brick school and town hall. It was moved to the top of Factory Hill and is still being used as a dwelling house.

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Veterans Administration officials explained that all veterans discharged or released after December 31, 1956, have already been credited with this travel time. A law passed last summer extended this provision to all other veterans.

The pension claims of some 2,500 veterans and a number of widows have been disallowed by the VA because the veterans had less than 90 days of service. By adding the travel time as certified by the veteran's service department, some of these veterans will now have the 90 days of service needed to qualify.

The new law is particularly important to Spanish-American War veterans, who qualify for a special lower-rate pension if they have at least 70 days of active service. The homeward travel time of those who were previously ineligible may give them the necessary 70 days to meet the service requirement. Others who are receiving the lower rate pension, may have their service period increased to 90 days and qualify for the regular service pension at the higher rate.

The VA can identify and is reviewing all 70-day cases which may become eligible for the regular service pension.

But Spanish-American War veterans who had less than 70 days of service are not known to the VA. Neither are the widows of Spanish-American War veterans who previously had less than 90 days of service. Any of these who think that the addition of the travel time from the place of discharge to the veteran's home would make them eligible for a pension, should contact the nearest VA regional office.

Your Library....

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In Agawam, we are lucky to have a library system, but we are lacking one vital ingredient, a professionally trained librarian to administer our libraries. Therefore, our children are not getting the most from our libraries.

A professional librarian can expand the facilities of our libraries to provide a summer. Displays could be set up to stimulate reading in the areas of science, history and fine literature.

In conjunction with the schools, a program could be instituted to instruct children in how to use a library more profitably. Only a professional librarian has the skill and 'know-how' to do these things.

Therefore, it is vitally important that the town meeting members vote for Article 7 in the Town Warrant and create the post of head librarian. Then and only then, will our children reap the benefits of expanded library facilities and our libraries will become the cultural centers they were meant to be.

Waste Collection

EAST FEEDING HILLS

January 29, Monday—Agnoli Pl., Althea Dr., Annable, Belvedere, Bessbrook, Brookline Ave., Clematis Dr., Colemore, DePalma, Gar-



January 29

To

February 2

SENIOR HIGH

Monday — Juice, Hamburg on Roll, Oven Fried Potato, Whole Kernel Corn, Peanut Butter and Honey Sandwich, Deep Dish Apple Pie, Milk.

Tuesday—Baked Sausage, Mashed Potato, Applesauce, Whole Wheat Bread and Butter, Pineapple Cake with Whipped Cream, Milk.

Wednesday—Meat Ball Grinders, Garden Salad, Peanut Butter and Honey Sandwich, Pears, Milk.

Thursday—Frankfurt on Roll, Homemade Baked Beans, Cabbage Salad, Peanut Butter and Honey Sandwich, Chocolate Cake with Mocha Icing, Milk.

Friday—Juice, Baked Macaroni and Cheese, Buttered Green Beans, Dinner Roll with Butter, Chocolate Eclairs, Milk.

JUNIOR HIGH

Monday—Juice, Frankfurt on Roll, Potato Chips, Tossed Salad, Cherry Crisp, Peanut Butter Sandwiches, Milk.

Tuesday—Grapefruit Juice, Ravioli with Meat Sauce, Cabbage and Carrot Salad, Bread and Butter, Strawberry Shortcake, Milk.

Wednesday—Orange Juice, Hamburg on Roll, Baked Potatoes, Peanut Butter Sandwiches, Fruit Cup, Milk.

Thursday—Hamburg in Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Broccoli, Bread and Butter, Peach Shortcake, Milk.

Friday—Orange Juice, Tuna Fish Salad, Tossed Salad, Buttered Carrots, Cherry Cake, Bread and Butter, Milk.

DANAHY

Monday—Chinese Pie (Potato-Corn-Hamburg, Bread and Butter, Pineapple Chunks, Milk.

Tuesday—Juice, Potato Chips, Frankfurt and Roll with Mustard and Relish, Orange Glazed Beets, Celery Sticks, Chocolate Cake with Frosting, Milk.

Wednesday — Chicken Noodle Soup, Sliced Ham Sandwiches and Peanut Butter and Jam Sandwiches, Carrot Sticks, Fresh Fruit, Milk.

Thursday — Mashed Potatoes, Turkey in Gravy, Peas and Carrots, Cranberry Sauce, Bread and Butter, Ice Cream Cup, Milk.

Friday—Mashed Potatoes, Cod Fish Cakes with Catsup, Cole Slaw with Carrots, Chocolate Pudding with Topping, Bread and Butter, Milk.

GRANGER

Monday—Hot Roast Pork Sandwich, Cole Slaw, Cranberry Sauce, Peanut Butter Sandwich, Gingerbread with Applesauce Topping, Milk.

den, Greenock, Hastings, Horsham Pl., Memorial Dr., Mill, Northwood, Norwood Oak, Park Dr., Park, Perkins Ave. Phil, Poplar, Portland Pl., Ralph, Randall, Rowley, Royal, Royal Ln., Springfield, White and Witherside.

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January 31 Wednesday — Anthony, Belle, Birchill Rd., Carr Ave., Centre, Colonial Ave., Cooper, Doane Ave., Edgewater Rd., Elm, Elsie, Fairview, Federal, Federal St. Ext., Federal Ave., Franklin St. Ext., Greenacre Ln., Harvey Johnson Dr., Homestead Ave., Karen Dr., Lealand Ave., Ley, Mar-dale Ave., Mountainview, Nile Ave., Parker, Perry Ln., Poinsetta, Porter Dr., Potomac Pl., Prince Ln., Raymond Cir., Reed, Samuel, Senator Ave., Silverlake Dr., Silver, So. Park Ter., Stanley Pl., Stewart Ln., Suffield, Thirlmere Ave., Vadnais, Valentine, Valentine St. Ext., Vernon, Virginia, Victor, Washington, Westford Cir., and Woodside Dr.

Tuesday—Italian Spaghetti with Meat Sauce, Buttered Green Beans, Bread and Butter, Applesauce Cake, Milk.

Wednesday—Turkey Pie with Vegetables, Cranberry Sauce, Bread and Butter, Fruited Jello with Whipped Cream, Milk.

Thursday—Juice, Grilled Frankfurt on Buttered Bun, Potato Chips, Relish and Mustard, Buttered Wax Beans, Sliced Peaches, Milk.

Friday—Baked Fish Sticks (Catsup), Parsley Potato, Whole Kernel Corn, Jelly Sandwich, Fruit, Milk.

PEIRCE

Monday — Orange Juice, Hamburg Gravy on Mashed Potatoes, Buttered Peas, Carrot Sticks, Ice Box Cookies, Milk.

Tuesday—Vegetable Noodle Soup with Tomatoes, Turkey Salad Sandwich, Potato Chips, Chocolate Cookies, Apricots, Milk.

Wednesday—Spaghetti with Meat Sauce, Buttered Green Beans, Bread and Butter, Apple Crisp with Cheese Wedge, Milk.

Thursday—Pineapple-Grapefruit Juice, Home Baked Beans with Frankfurt Rings, Cole Slaw with Grated Carrots, Buttered Raisin Bread, Chocolate Pudding with Whipped Topping, Milk.

Friday—Cranberry Juice, Tuna Sail Boat, Potato Sticks, Buttered Corn, Fruit Jello with Topping, Milk.

PHELPS

Monday—Citrus Juice, Grilled Frankfurt on Buttered Roll, Relish and Mustard, Buttered Green Peas, Cheese Sticks, Cherry Pie.

Tuesday—Hamburg Gravy on Mashed Potato, Buttered Broccoli, Bread and Butter, Peaches, Milk.

Wednesday—Citrus Juice, Beef Stew with Potatoes and Vegetables, Bread and Butter, Chocolate Cake with Icing, Milk.

Thursday—Citrus Juice, Grilled Hamburg on Buttered Bun, Buttered Green Beans, Apple, Milk.

Friday—Tomato Soup, Tuna Salad Sandwich, Tossed Salad, Potato Chips, Applesauce Cake, Milk.

ROBINSON

Monday—Orange and Pineapple Juice, Meat Ball Grinders, Cabbage and Carrot Salad, Potato Chips, Sliced Peaches and Pears, Milk.

Tuesday—Spaghetti with Meat and Tomato Sauce, Buttered Wax Beans, Cheese Sticks, Bread and Butter, Deep Dish Apple Pie, Milk.

Wednesday—Juice, Frankfurt on Roll, Mustard and Relish, Buttered Carrots, Cheese Sticks, Cherry Crisp, Milk.

Thursday—Hamburg Gravy, Mashed Potato, Buttered Spinach, Bread and Butter, Peanut Butter Sandwich, Sliced Pineapple, Milk.

Friday—Juice, Grilled Cheese Sandwich and Peanut Butter Sandwiches, Garden Salad, Potato Chips, Fruit, Milk.

SOUTH

Monday—Orange Juice, Chicken Vegetable Soup, Chicken Salad on Rye Bread, Celery and Carrot Sticks, Mince Meat Applecrisp, Cheese, Milk.

Tuesday—Spaghetti with Meat Sauce, Tossed Salad, Buttered Date Muffins, Fruit Cup, Milk.

Wednesday—Citrus Juice, Frankfurt in Buttered Roll, Mustard and Chopped Onions, Buttered Mixed Vegetables, Cherry Crisp with Topping, Milk.

Thursday—Fruit Juice, Hamburg in Gravy on Mashed Potato, Buttered Peas and Carrots, Peanut Butter on Whole Wheat Bread, Applesauce Cake, Milk.

Friday—Baked Beans, Catsup, ABC Salad, Egg Salad on Roll, Fruited Jello with Topping, Milk.

LEGION AUXILIARY UNIT NEWS

by Virginia Catchepaugh

Unit News

Wilson - Thompson Unit 185, through their membership chairman, Mrs. Julia Moore, has extended an invitation to every eligible woman who is anxious to be of service to America by helping veterans. If you would like to assist these veterans and their families through group effort, join now, the American Legion Auxiliary of Agawam. The Campaign is called: "Ring the Bell for Membership and Liberty." "Active Service for America" is the purpose for which the Auxiliary is enrolling members for 1962. Our goal is to reach nearly one million members. With the great dangers to peace and freedom of our country, we must maintain a vigorous spirit of patriotism throughout America. We are asking every eligible woman to come with us now and give active service for America.

To rehabilitate is to restore. A great many Americans spend a great many hours each year in either restoring or wishing that they could restore, anything from items as tangible as furniture to those as intangible as the "Good Old Days." But perhaps the most rewarding pastime of all is that of helping to restore the lives and abilities of handicapped people.

Join your American Legion Auxiliary Unit and lend a hand to restore.

Winter months are now upon us. Contact Mrs. Gladys Catchepaugh, President of Unit 185, and find out how you may help the veterans in VA Hospitals by knitting squares to be made into afghans and lap robes for the veterans. The sun will shine brighter for you and the veterans, with a little effort on your part these long winter evenings.

Aawam members got a start on their afghan squares from Mrs. Ellen Phoenix. Mrs. Phoenix is now in Wesson Hospital following a fall.

Unit Meeting

The last regular meeting of Unit 185 was held at the home of Mrs. Virginia Catchepaugh, assisted by Mrs. Belle Russell as co-hostess. Members voted to send a donation to the Children's Hospital Medical Center. Mrs. Ruth Carr notified the group that labels from Grandmother's Molasses were acceptable. County Junior Chairman Mrs. Anna Bissonnette gave further details on the Department Junior Conference on April 1st.

Delegates to the County Meeting Friday, January 19th, were Mrs. Gladys Catchepaugh and Mrs. Julia Moore. The committee for the February 24th Smorgasbord are Jane Whalen, Mrs. Dot Frenette, and Mrs. Jean Smith.

Your Dimes Can

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against these cripples will be January 30. Mrs. Philip Nassif and Mrs. Eugene Lund are co-chairmen for the drive being organized now. The Mothers March captains in-



MRS. EUGENE LUND

clude: Mrs. Richard Scannell, Mrs. Richard Taylor, Mrs. Richard Sullivan, Mrs. James Chandler, Mrs. Claude Guidetti, Mrs. John McCarthy and Mrs. Edward Schmidt. Please say "YES" to the new March of Dimes.

Testimonial Sunday

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John the Evangelist Guild; Mrs. Richard Gingras, Catholic Women's Club; Frank Kusiak, Catholic Men's Club, and David Ramsey, Catholic Youth Group.

Head Table Guests

Invited head table guests are: Rev. George Linse, C.P.S., Rev. Joseph Henchey, C.P.S., Rev. George Egan of Longmeadow, Rev. Francis J. Ducharme, Rev. Frank Dunn, Rev. Anthony Menard, Rev. Dominick Ruscettas, C.P.S., Rev. Leo Landry, C.P.S., Rev. Benjamin Lockhart, Grand Knight of Columbus, Clifford Picard, Rev. David Welch of the Catholic Observer, Rev. John S. Tyler, Rev. David and John Granfield and Vincent R. Caroleo, chairman of the Agawam Board of Selectmen, who will bring greetings of the town and also from Governor John Volpe.

We're All To

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great advantages of a federal system is that the states are supposed to serve as proving grounds for new and better ways of self-government. We have today 49 other laboratories of government. Has Massachusetts taken advantage of the lessons learned in the other states?

Enlightened states have set up their gubernatorial offices to fit big men. They have concentrated executive authority in the governor so that he can be held responsible by the voters.

They have given the governor a four-year term so that he will have a chance to show his stuff.

They have cut down the number of elective state administrative offices. Consider, for example, Hawaii, which recently adopted a constitution after carefully studying the experience of other states. Its governor appoints the state treasurer, attorney general and all the other administrative officials (except the auditor), with the consent of the Senate. Continued Feb. 1.

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MRS. CHARLES BAILEY STORYTELLER SAT.

Mrs. Charles Bailey of 71 Florida Dr., Agawam, will be the storyteller Saturday, January 27, at the Agawam Center Library from 10:30

Slogan Contest

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Damon, Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Brown, Jr., and Mrs. Bernard J. O'Reilly; Honorary Chairmen: Mr. and Mrs. Darcy Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Moore, Jr., and Mrs. Edward Novak.

Further committees announced are: Uniforms: Mr. and Mrs. Albert Cassanelli, chairmen, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Hodge, Mr. and Mrs. David Fay and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kistner; Wardrobe: Mr. and Mrs. David Blackburn, chairman, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Maas and Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Atwater. Trip Lodging and Meals: Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Raguskas, chairmen, Mr. and Mrs. Theodor Wallace, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Gowdy and Mr. and Mrs. Claude Guidetti. Send-off Rally: Mr. and Mrs. John F. Burns, chairmen, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Strniste and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Negrucci. Publicity: Mr. and Mrs. Bernard J. O'Reilly, chairmen, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph O'Rourke and Mr. and Mrs. George St. John.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald McCave head a committee on bus accommodations for parents or friends who wish to make the trip. For information contact chairmen RE 6-1605 or any committee member.

a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

The story hour is given twice a month by the Agawam Junior Women's Club, for children in grade one through three age group.

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Weekdays	Sun. & Hol.		Weekdays	Sun. & Hol.	
A.M.	P.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.
6:20	12:20	12:30	5:50	12:50	1:00
7:20	1:20	3:30	6:50	1:50	4:00
8:20	2:20	6:10	7:50	2:50	6:30
9:20	3:20		8:50	3:50	
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11:20	5:20		10:50	5:50	
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	8:20			8:45	

SPRINGFIELD — CONGAMOND LAKES — SOUTHWICK LINES TUESDAY AND FRIDAY ONLY

Lv. Springfield (Broadway & Vernon)		Lv. Southwick (Ebb's Corner)	
A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.
10:50	4:00	11:30	4:30

SPRINGFIELD — AGAWAM — RIVERSIDE PARK LINE

Lv. Springfield (Broadway & Vernon)			Lv. Agawam (Sunnyslope Ave.)		
Weekdays	Sun. & Hol.		Weekdays	Sun. & P.M.	
A.M.	P.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.
6:30	12:50	1:30	6:05**	12:20	2:00
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** 6:05 A.M. does not run on Saturday

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Lv. Springfield (Broadway & Vernon)			Lv. Agawam Bridge		
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A.M.	P.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.
6:20	10:20	12:20	6:05	10:05	12:05
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7:20	11:20	1:20	7:05	11:05	1:05
7:30	11:50	1:50	7:15	11:35	1:35
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Town Is In Dire Need Of Skating Rink

By BUCKY O'BRIEN

It is about time the town of Agawam started to do something about affording skating facilities for townspeople. The kids have no where to go but the Coliseum and that is not always at their disposal.

I realize that building a skating rink that could be equipped for hockey would be of some financial strain on the town. However, the strain is not so great that this could not be done. Is it not worth something to keep the kids off the streets and corners and the temptations that lie in their path?

The high school hockey team gets the Coliseum ice once a week. Then they are expected to play up to the standard of the rest of the league. Westfield and East Longmeadow, who are both in the same league

with Agawam, have rinks that were built by the town and are presently being maintained by the town. Westfield and East Longmeadow by the way are currently one, two, respectively in the league ahead of Agawam. The only reason is because they have more ice time.

Oh, the high school has ice alright but it is all made and maintained by one man. Bob Anastas, the hockey coach, has to go up there every night to freeze the ice and make it ready for the following days workout. Would it be asking too much of the town to do the same providing money was procured from somewhere to build a decent rink equipped with boards and a set of cages?

Agawam finishes third every year. The other two clubs who have their own rinks are always fighting for first and second place. The other kids growing up and contemplating playing varsity hockey for the school don't get much of an incentive when they see the wheels of progress dead with four flat tires. It cost the town of Westfield \$500.00 to buy the boards and then the town workers on the town payroll built the rink and maintained it throughout the winter.

I personally do not feel that either Westfield or East Longmeadow are any better then we are but possibly they are a little more interested in their younger element. Let's face it, they have done something about it.

Junior High Basketball Team Scores Five More Victories

By RANDY McLEAN

The Agawam Junior High Basketball team won five more games this season, from a 10 to a 50 point margin in most of the games, and with many high scorers.

South Hadley Game

In the South Hadley game Sam Provo was high scorer for the Agawam team with 23 points and Florence of South Hadley was high scorer with 12 points. The half time score was 34 to 16 with the final score of 71 to 31.

Holyoke Game

Provo was the high scorer for Agawam with 16 points and close behind was Bill Polopek with 15 points in the Holyoke game. High scorer for Holyoke was LaFlamme with 8 points. The half time score was 36 to 16 with a final score of

60 to 29.

Hatfield Game

Hatfield game final score was 61 to 30 with Agawam's Bob Ledger with 12 points for tops in the game and Creamer having 11.

West Side Game

In the second West Side game of the season which was a fight all the way, Sam Provo was the high scorer for Agawam with 27 points and Tanner with 24 points for West Side. The score at half time was 41 to 27 and the final score was 65 to 54.

East Longmeadow Game

Bill Polopek with 14 points was the high scorer in the Agawam-East Longmeadow game followed by Provo with 13 points. The high scorer for East Longmeadow was Studz with 9 points. The final score was 67-16.

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New Arthritis Test Developed By March of Dimes Research

A new and sensitive blood test for diagnosing rheumatoid arthritis in children was one of the medical achievements of 1961 highlighted by The National Foundation in a year-end review of progress by March of Dimes-supported scientists.

The report, by Dr. Thomas M. Rivers, vice president for medical affairs of The Foundation, cited accomplishments related to birth defects, virus diseases, polio and genetics as well as arthritis.

Dr. Rivers also noted that 1961 will be memorable because of the licensing by the U. S. Government of two of the three component types of Sabin oral polio vaccine which, like the Salk killed-virus vaccine, was developed with money given to the March of Dimes.

The new arthritis test was developed by Dr. Morris Ziff and his research associates at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical School in Dallas. In their studies, the test proved positive in 76 per cent of children with rheumatoid arthritis. By contrast, other tests currently in use seldom pinpoint the disease in more than 20 per cent of youngsters known to have it, according to Dr. Rivers.

Dr. Rivers pointed out that few people realize how very serious rheumatoid arthritis can be in children, or how common it is among them. It is estimated that there are about 30,000 children under 15 in the U. S. who have it, many of whom are severely crippled, he said.

It is also suspected many other youngsters may have the disease, with perhaps only minor or vague pains and no clear-cut symptoms to label arthritis as the culprit.

The arthritis test, which is particularly sensitive in detecting an unusual blood factor frequently found in persons with rheumatoid arthritis, may fill its greatest role in uncovering undiagnosed rheumatic disease in children.

This could be vitally important, because the earlier diagnosis is made and treat-



To determine whether or not she has rheumatoid arthritis, Barbara Singleton, 10, gives blood sample to medical technician at a March of Dimes-supported clinic. Each year 30,000 children are afflicted.

ment started, the better the chances for prevention of disability in young victims of the disease.

A second scientific achievement highlighted in The Foundation's year-end review was a special field study which disclosed that a great many birth defects are not detectable in early life but may remain hidden until infants reach the age of one or two.

This report was made by a research team headed by Dr. Frank R. Lock of the Bowman Gray School of Medicine, Winston-Salem, N. C.

Among the other developments singled out in the March of Dimes research progress report were the following:

1. Dr. Joseph L. Melnick of Baylor University has come up with two chemical discoveries that promise major improvements in the manufacture of oral polio vaccines. It had previously been necessary to keep

such vaccines in deep freeze until just a few days before use. With the new chemical treatment, however, they can be kept at room temperature for as long as a month. The second chemical improvement removes undesirable viruses that contaminate the vaccine at certain stages of preparation.

2. A new radioactive method of detecting how viruses are formed inside cells was reported by Dr. Councilman Morgan and associates at Columbia University. Another group of workers at the University of Michigan described similar results with techniques involving use of fluorescent materials.

3. Additional evidence that one of the intestinal viruses may also cause an infectious heart disease, sometimes fatal in infants, has been obtained by Dr. George Dempster and colleagues at the University of Saskatchewan.

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Chiba

If current estimates of trout production by state and federal hatcheries are an indication, there will be more trout available for the season opening April 28. Culturists of the State Division of Fisheries and Game are now estimating they will produce about 958,000 trout six inches long or better, which is 182,700 more than last year. Federal culturists, who contribute fish stocked under state supervision, are estimating a production of 177,800 fish. Totals of trout inventories from both state and federal hatcheries to be stocked in open waters under Division supervision might exceed estimates of 1,135,800 or 175,900 more than last year.

The Hampden County of Sportsmen's Club will hold its regular monthly meeting January 25, 1962 at the West Springfield Fish and Game Club Inc. This is probably one of the most important meetings to be held this year. Hy Fox, legislative agent for the Council, will be on hand with over a hundred bills effecting the sportsmen. The Council will have to discuss and vote on them.

Deer Killers

Massachusetts can consider itself fortunate! This is the opinion of conservationists. Reason for this is that Massachusetts is one of the few states in the nation where the legislature permits the harvest of both bucks and does so that the deer herd is kept within the carrying capacity of its range. This is true in 98% of the deer range in Massachusetts. The 2% range is causing more and more deer hunters in this state much anxiety. This

is the Quabbin Reservoir watershed. Every year from 75 to one hundred carcasses of deer are found strewn on the ice of the reservoir and along the banks of the water. These deer are killed by roaming pack of dogs. At first, it was the general opinion that wild dogs were ravishing the herds. This is not the case. Conservation officer Al Bregenti explained the situation this way. "The dogs that are doing the damage are domestic animals that live in the vicinity of the Quabbin. My hands are tied, because Hampshire County does not have the laws for dog control that Berkshire and Hampden County have." In the two counties mentioned the Conservation Officer can shoot dogs caught molesting deer after the rabbit season closes to the 1st of May. The simple fact that this law is on the books has forced the dog owners to chain up their pets till the deep snows have disappeared from the ground. Al would like the Hampshire County Sportsmen to file legislation to adopt the law in Hampshire County.

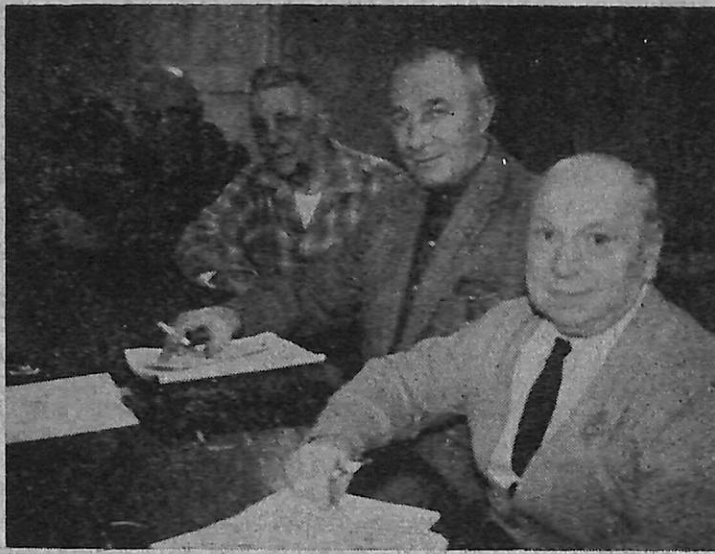
From facts received from reliable sources, we find that the deer are partially starving in the Quabbin. Thus the weakened animals are set ups for the dog herds. There is enough feed around the Quabbin for the deer but the deer will not venture to these areas to feed. They herd up in yards during the deep snows for protection against their natural enemies, and will not travel to other areas when the browse has disappeared.

NOT ONLY DOGS

When the deer reaches the semi-starvation stage, he is also susceptible to at least twelve different kinds of potential deer killing parasites. Dr. Frank A. Hayes of the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, estimates that within the past year stomach worms and lung worms alone have harvested more deer in certain areas than all the hunters put together.

SHOCKING BUT TRUE!! This is the situation at the Quabbin. Just a few men are responsible for preventing the harvest of the over load of deer at the Quabbin. It is disgusting that our natural resource is being allowed to be wasted and devastated by such short sighted individuals.

Strong Hands Hold The Reins



The Pioneer Valley Sportsmen Club elected the above dedicated sportsmen to fill the main posts of the club for 1962. Pictured above from left to right are: Hy Fox, 1st vice-president; Bob Durkee, treasurer; Ken Warren, president, and Clayton Brown, financial secretary

Herb O'Connor Doing Great Job As High School Basketball Coach

By BUCKY O'BRIEN

Basketball will never develop in Agawam. This was the general consensus of opinion until a guy from Fitchburg named Herb O'Connor came dribbling into town and has virtually performed miracles with a bunch of green, fundamentally starved kids.

Last year in his first shot at the helm Herb produced a .500 ball club which the pre-season prognosticators failed to prophesy. He had kids who had never even been shown which foot to lead with when shooting. There was that problem of that wasted dribble in the bucket, the problem of how to time a rebound and so on. Herb drummed all these essentials into his boys in one year and broke even.

This season the so called high school basketball experts were not too impressed with what Herb had to offer and failed to give them any serious consideration. Well, right now the boys from Cooper Street are the owners of a 5-2 record and with a few breaks could grab the league title.

This week will more or less be make or break for them. At this writing we did not know the outcome of the Enfield game played on Tuesday but the big one is this coming Friday night here at home against league leading Easthampton. If Herb's houndis could whack these two clubs they would be only one game out of the top spot. Then they would have to depend on someone else knocking off the league leaders so they could earn a tie for the title. Of course they have to win all their games to reach this goal.

The two greatest thrills for O'Connor and his boys so far has been beating Ludlow and Palmer

at their own court. In the past the two latter mentioned quintets had been pretty rough on the Brownies but now the boys have grown up



COACH HERB O'CONNOR

to their size and are laughing up their sleeves at them.

Herb refuses to take any bows for the club's showing thus far. "My kids are all working hard and deserve all the credit," lauded Herb. Roger Brown, Mike Romanko, Rich Leal, Doc Borgatti, David Alvingini and Bob Morin form the nucleus of this year's team. They deserve our support at the games.

NO ONE SHOULD MISS THAT ONE TOMORROW NIGHT. IT IS THE GAME OF THE YEAR.

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Junior Rifle Club Starts Class Jan. 31

The Agawam Junior Rifle Club will start another Rifle Training Class in the safe handling of firearms and marksmanship on Wednesday, January 31.

This training is open to all boys and girls, 10-17 years old, that want to learn how to shoot safely and accurately and is NOT limited to Agawam residents.

The class will be under the supervision of Edmund J. Gleason, a National Rifle Association certified instructor with 17 years experience in teaching youngsters.

For further information to enroll contact Mr. Gleason at 290 North Street, Feeding Hills, Mass., or call RE 2-0010 from 5 to 6 p.m., any evening before January 29 when enrollment will close.

Annual Band Supper Award Night Feb. 3

Mr. Darcy Davis, music director of the Agawam High School, has announced all high school alumni of Musical groups, band and chorus are invited to attend the annual band supper and award night to be held on Saturday, Feb. 3, at the high school cafeteria.

This is the first time that a dance has been planned following the awards. Alumni who would like to attend the supper part of the program as well as the awards and dance are asked to contact Mr. Davis. All are welcome to this as well.

Music will be provided by the Agawam High Dance Band. Alumni who would like to sit in with the dance band are urged to bring their instruments. This would provide for a musical reunion and also allow some of the dance band members to dance as well as play.

Graduates are welcome whether or not they would like to play. The supper is held to make it possible for families of band members to be present when they receive their awards.

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School Lunch Week Is Observed In Agawam Schools



340 parents in Agawam had a typical school lunch as a result of observances in the various schools during School Lunch Week.

We are happy that so many parents availed themselves of this opportunity to see and participate in their School Lunch in action.

'Sugar Eat' Features Grange #382 Meeting

The regular meeting of the Community Grange #382 will be held on Tuesday, February 6 at 8 p.m., in the Grange Hall.

A program on "Heifers For Greece" will be presented by George Hughes, a member of the Southwick Grange #46.

Following the meeting there will be a 'Sugar Eat' under the supervision of Mr. and Mrs. Laurence King and Miss Dorothy Johnson. Members are reminded to bring their own pie plates.

Juvenile Meeting

A Juvenile meeting for members and other interested Grange members will be held on Sunday, January 28, at 2:30 p.m. in the Community Grange Hall. Mrs. Gladys Reed, Juvenile Deputy, will preside at this meeting.

A Regional meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m., Sunday, January 28, at the Westfield Grange Hall for all subordinate Grange officers and Home-Community Service with Deputy Earl Cook in charge.

A busy place during the lunch hour was the Grange School cafeteria, photo above, pupils and parents enjoying their lunch.

From the many comments to the principals and the school lunch personnel, which were most gratifying, we are sure it is agreed, "School Lunch Serves Good Health."

In observance of School Lunch Week, the Fourth Grade pupils at Peirce School, in Mrs. Molly Decker's and Mr. Vincent Valentine's

LOCAL MAN WINNER IN HANCOCK CONTEST

Erwin H. Werthamer of 42 Central Street this town, an employee of the John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance Company, has been judged a \$50 fourth prize winner of the Company's Independence Contest. More than 3,000 Hancock employees across the nation responded to the contest, which set the stage for the Company's observance of its 100th anniversary now in progress.

Hancock employees were asked to submit their interpretation of the Company's slogan, "John Hancock Still Makes Independence Possible." Entries were judged by the D. L. Blair Corporation of New York which has administered many outstanding contests and competitions.

English classes, wrote essays on, "Why a Hot Lunch Is Important". First place (winning hot lun-



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By MONETTA WRONSKI
Student Reporter

Amherst—Agawam and Greenfield public schools are cooperating with the University of Massachusetts in its student teaching program. This semester three students are spending eight full weeks working with experienced teachers. After a week or two of observing the school and the methods of the teachers, the student teacher gradually begins to take on certain teaching duties under the careful supervision of the regular teacher. The amount of actual teaching increases as the students show themselves competent to take on more responsibility.

Bernard Barrett and Clifford Bullock, both of Amherst, are teaching physical education under the supervision of Mr. Harmon Smith and science under the direction of Mr. David Theodorowicz at Agawam High School.

Judith B. Clark, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Clark of 28 Reed Street, Agawam, is teaching sixth grade at the Federal North School in Greenfield under the supervision of Mr. Andrew DeVito.

Miss Clark is a member of the University's Concert Band.

Both the student practice-teachers and the regular teachers submit regular progress reports to the university's School of Education.

ches) was shared by Linda L. Allen and Stephen Pressy. Honorable mention was given to Angeline Stellato and Mark Tease. Following are the two winning essays on: "Why a Hot Lunch Is Important"

I think that school lunches are very well-balanced. They give us protein, minerals, vitamins and energy.

There was once a little girl who had to bring her lunch every day. Clementine was skinny and not as healthy as the other children in her class. She did not have milk that gives us white and good teeth. She did not have warm and well balanced food for dinner.

One day she asked her mother if she could eat at school. Her mother said that she could, so she bought her lunch that day. She liked it so much that she never again brought her lunch to school.

So be a Clementine, and buy your lunch every day for twenty-five cents!

—By Linda L. Allen
Peirce School

I think a hot lunch is important because it supplies meat and vegetables for our health. A warm meal builds strong bodies and keeps you going all day long.

A well-balanced diet gives proteins, minerals, vitamins, and energy.

A warm meal builds up resistance to germs.

Warm lunches supply the energy we need to work and play. They build strong muscles and keep us healthy.

A hot meal is much better than a sandwich, milk and a cupcake from a paper bag.

—By Stephen Pressy,
Peirce School

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